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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTEREST IN TRADE WITH

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REF: HONG KONG 11590

SUMMARY: OKINAWA AMCHAM APPRISED OF HONG KONG AND TOKYO AMCHAM
RESOLUTIONS ON TRADE WITH INDOCHINA. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE
PROVIDE GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY

1. AT MEETING OF OKINAWA AMCHAM'S APCAC COMMITTEE OCT 24, WE
MENTIONED HONG KONG AMCHAM'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON OPENING UP
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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA (REFTEL).

OKINAWA AMCHAM NOTED THAT "COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND VIETNAM" IS ON AGENDA FOR SEOUL APCAC MEETING, WITH HONG KONG AND JAPAN AMCHAMS PLANNING TO ADDRESS SUBJECT. THEY ALSO SHOWED US JAPAN AMCHAM RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR A USG SUPPORTED, PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC MISSION TO BE DISPATCHED PROMPTLY TO SAIGON AND HANOI, LED BY A SENIOR AMERICAN BUSINESS FIGURE. AMCHAM JAPAN'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCLUDES, "EXPERIENCE SHOWS CLEARLY THAT AMERICAN LONG TERM, STABILIZING INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES ARE NOT ACHIEVED THROUGH BOYCOTT AND THE ENDING OF ALL DIALOGUE. THEREFORE WE URGE A U.S. INITIATIVE TO RE-OPEN THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP RELATIONSHIP WITH VIETNAM."

2. MEMBERS OF OKINAWA AMCHAM APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TOWARD POINTS

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THAT IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS IS A TWO WAY STREET AND THAT TRADE RELATIONS CAN BE USED AS A BARGAINING COUNTER (PARA 4, REFTEL). THEY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO THE USG POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE THAT WE CAN PRESENT TO OKINAWA AMCHAM.

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